

Warns Additional Action May be Necessary to Stop Sex Traffickers □

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (D-CA), a member of the Congressional Caucus on Human Trafficking, today issued the following statement applauding Craigslist's decision to censor the site's adult services section, which is frequently used to buy and sell women and children for sex. Rep. Sanchez recently authored an opinion editorial with Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX), urging Craigslist to do more to combat sex trafficking on its site. (

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to read the op-ed on Politico.com):

“Craigslist should be commended for censoring its adult services section, which is frequently abused by sex traffickers and other criminals. Although Craigslist has not made clear whether its decision to censor this portion of its site is permanent, the symbolic importance of this action cannot be overstated. By shutting down the adult services section, Craigslist is showing that it truly values people over its own profits.

"Unfortunately, I fear shutting down the adult services section won't be enough. The reality is that sex traffickers won't stop abusing their victims. They'll merely move their operations to other parts of Craigslist, or other websites entirely. That's why Craigslist and similar websites must put effective screening measures in place to ensure these kinds of solicitations never see the light of day."